GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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INDO-BANGLADESH BORDER TALKS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Bangladesh held meetings recently to resolve the border disputes;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) & (b) At the India- Bangladesh Foreign Secretary-level talks held in New Delhi on December 13 -14, 2000, detailed discussions were held on pending matters relating to the India- Bangladesh Land Boundary Agreement of 1974. Both sides agreed to cooperate with a view to achieving early resolution of all boundary related matters. For this purpose, the Foreign Secretaries decided to set up Working Groups to deal with the completion of demarcation, and the exchange of enclaves and territories in adverse possession. The Working Groups would systematically address these matters and report to the Foreign Secretaries on a regular basis.